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LAND UNDER CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers have given emphasis on cash crops instead of conventional crops on a large scale in several areas of the country in the last few years;

(b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the areas of land brought under cash crops during the last ten years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The farmers in India especially marginal and small farmers constituting about 80% of the Indian farming community give prime importance to production of foodgrains in their cropping pattern for reasons of food security, relatively low risk and easy market access. However, recent years have witnessed relatively higher growth in the area and production of oilseeds. During the period 2000-01 to 2004-05, the average annual growth rate in estimated area and production under oilseeds was 2.50% and 8.55% respectively. At the same time, average annual growth rate in estimated area and production under rice during 2000-01 − 2004-05 was (-) 1.61% and 0.63% respectively whereas for wheat corresponding figures were(-) 0.53% and (-)0.32% respectively during the same period.

(b)&(c): No specific survey has been undertaken to ascertain the areas of land brought under cash crops during the last 10 years. However, the data received from various States/UTs in respect of cash crops as part of Land Use Statistics reveal that during 1997-98 to 2001-02 the share of cash crops in the gross cropped area remained at 24 to 25%. The state wise details of area under cash crops are given in the annexure.

Annexure

State-wise details of area under Cash Crops for the period from 1997-98 to 2001-02

(Thousand Hectares)

Sl.No.	States/UTs	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
1	Andhra Pradesh	4642	5180	4789	4756	4626
2	Arunachal Pradesh	30	31	35	34	35
3	Assam	850	848	853	836	834
4	Bihar	548	559	537	444	442
5	Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	296	310
6	Goa	29	30	30	31	29
7	Gujarat	5039	5180	5052	5073	5181
8	Haryana	1395	1244	1151	1122	1346
9	Himachal Pradesh	31	29	29	28	30
10	J & K	71	74	79	76	81
11	Jharkhand	-	-	-	95	95
12	Karnataka	4070	4237	3841	3848	3811
13	Kerala	1841	1838	1904	1911	1896
14	Madhya Pradesh	7155	7129	7009	6270	6387
15	Maharashtra	6410	6619	6772	6440	6273
16	Manipur	11	15	12	13	12
17	Meghalaya	56	63	66	71	71
18	Mizoram	14	14	13	13	14
19	Nagaland	33	42	48	54	62
20	Orissa	1249	1231	1198	998	1176
21	Punjab	1008	1021	975	689	844
22	Rajasthan	5620	5428	4622	3636	4417
23	Sikkim	39	28	31	35	39

24	Tamil Nadu	2079	2117	2030	1958	1906
25	Tripura	55	57	49	51	50
26	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	158	162
27	Uttar Pradesh	3259	3619	3567	3509	3401
28	West Bengal	1460	1419	1419	1588	1630
29	A & N Islands	29	30	30	31	31
30	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0
31	D & N Haveli	2	2	2	2	2
32	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0
33	Delhi	5	4	3	2	3
34	Lakshadweep	3	3	3	3	3
35	Pondicherry	6	7	7	7	7
	All India	47039	48185	46154	44076	45206